

**CHAPTER NO. 661**

**HOUSE BILL NO. 3526**

**By Representatives Maddox, Lois DeBerry**

**Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 3399**

**By Senator Herron**

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 17 and Title 49, Chapter 7, relative to false academic degrees and misrepresentation of academic credentials.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-7-133, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated subsection:

( ) Each institution of the University of Tennessee system and the state university and community college system shall include in any catalog, on the institution's web site, and in any contract for employment in a position requiring academic credentials a warning that the offense of misrepresentation of academic credentials constitutes a Class A misdemeanor. The warning shall define the offense of misrepresentation of academic credentials.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006, the public welfare requiring it, and shall apply to catalogs published and contracts entered into after that date.

**PASSED: May 1, 2006**

  
JIMMY RAIFEH, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

  
JOHN S. WILDER  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

**APPROVED this 12<sup>th</sup> day of May 2006**

  
PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR